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Applicant(s): T. HIROI, et al  
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SYSTEM THEREFOR  
Group: 2881  
Examiner: J. Berman

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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December 18, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the office action dated September 18, 2006, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.